

# Durham Region's COVID-19 Response

Durham Region COVID-19 Executive Table  
Community Update

Week of March 15, 2021

## Key News:

- There are 7 COVID-19 Institutional Outbreaks and 3 Child Care and School Outbreak (March 18)
- [Check out](#) COVID-19 Instructions for Indoor Sports and Recreational Fitness Facilities
- [Learn more](#) about the AstraZeneca and Janssen vaccines
- If transportation is a barrier, [check out](#) information from community agencies that can provide free or low-cost transportation to attend vaccination clinics
- [Visit](#) Durham Region Health Department's website for Frequently Asked Questions about the vaccination clinics

## COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution

**Residents 75 years and older**, or who will be

turning 75 this year, can begin booking appointments starting at 11 a.m. on **March 22**. To book an appointment, visit [www.durham.ca/vaccineappointment](http://www.durham.ca/vaccineappointment)

Residents who need assistance to book an appointment can call **1-888-444-5113**.

Durham Region Health Department announced that COVID-19

vaccination clinic in Ajax will open on March 24.

Clinics will open in Uxbridge on March 29, followed by clinics in Port Perry on March 31, and Brock on April 3.

These clinics will operate on a rotating basis. All clinics will be open from 10:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Clinics also remain available in Clarington, Pickering, and Whitby.

For appointments at the

Oshawa site, visit [covidvaccine.lh.ca](http://covidvaccine.lh.ca) or call 905-721-4828; this clinic operates daily from 7:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m.

It should be noted that while the province has a provincial booking system, Durham Region residents who access the provincial system will be transferred back to the Durham Region system.

## Provincial Update

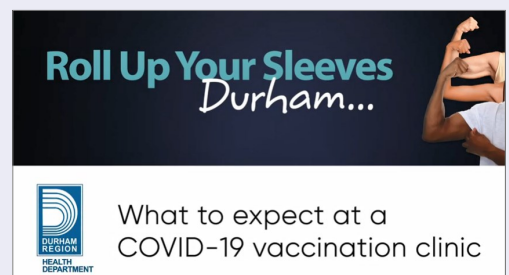
With over 50 per cent of Ontario residents aged 80 and over having received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, the Ontario government is expanding appointments through its online booking system to individuals aged 75 and over, effective Monday, March 22, 2021, ahead of schedule.

On Tuesday March 16, the Ontario COVID-19 Science Advisory Table stated the province has entered the third wave, and the variants of concern are steeply rising. Strong adherence to public health measures is urgently needed, and these safety protocols are also effective towards the variants.

## Check it Out:

**Are you unsure of what to expect when you arrive at the COVID-19 vaccination clinic?**

**Check out this [video](#) which will walk you through the process:**





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2.2 % preliminary  
test positivity rate  
(March 7 - March 13)



943 cases in  
schools to date  
(March 14)



25 current hospitalizations  
(12 in the ICU)  
(March 19)

## COVID-19 Assessment Centres Update

Between March 13 and March 18, 3,344 forms were submitted to receive an assessment at one of the COVID-19 Assessment Centres in Durham Region and 3,632 visits were booked. During this same period of time, 3,368 visits were completed.

Across all Assessment Centres there were 264 no-shows.

### Median Wait Times (Last 5 Days)

- Ajax - 7 hours
- Clarington - 21 hours
- North Durham - 9 hours
- Downtown Oshawa - 7 hours
- Pickering - 9 hours
- Whitby - 8 hours

Median Wait Times to  
Receive a Swab

(March 19)

Municipality	Cases
Pickering	87
Ajax	107
Whitby	53
Oshawa	54
Clarington	27
Uxbridge	3
Scugog	1
Brock	2
<b>Durham Region</b>	<b>334</b>

334 Active Cases  
(March 18)

## Additional Resources

[Durham Region COVID-19 Data Tracker](#)

[COVID-19 Assessment Centre Information](#)

[Ontario's Vaccine Distribution Implementation Plan](#)

For inquiries related to Durham Region's coordinated response to COVID-19, please contact Lisa Kitchen, at lkitchen@lh.ca